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TC 1700 In response to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2001 (Paper No. 6), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, a Declaration under 37 C.F. R. Sec. 1.132 and Appendix A accompany this amendment.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please insert the following paragraph before the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification.

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This application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP98/05709, filed on December 17, 1998.